

## LOUIE BON KONG

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 6870]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 6870) for the relief of Louie Bon Kong, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant to the minor Chinese child of a United States citizen the status of a nonquota immigrant which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of citizens of the United States.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill was born in Hong Kong, China, on September 20, 1941. His father is a citizen of this country and the mother has been admitted to the United States as the wife of a citizen.

Congressman Hugh B. Mitchell, the author of the bill, submitted to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives the following information in connection with the bill:

1523 SEVENTEENTH SOUTH, SEATTLE, WASH.  
February 29, 1952.

HON. HUGH B. MITCHELL,  
1420 House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN MITCHELL: With reference to the previous communications relating to the immigration problem of my son Louie Bon Kong, I have attempted here to compile the facts so that you may better understand the circumstances necessitating the help of your good office for his immigration to the United States.

My father's name is Louie Fot Sam. He was born in China and was admitted into this country as a merchant before 1921. He is now an active partner of a general-merchandise store, the Tsui Chong Co., at 801 King Street, Seattle.

My mother, Lee Shee, has never been to this country. She is at present living at the Chung Share Village, Hoyshan District, Kwangtung Province, China, the place where I was born.

My birth date is April 15, 1916. I am the eldest of three sons, which number comprises the total number of children in the family. My two younger brothers, Louie Sing and Louie Ock, have been missing since the Japanese invasion of the family village in 1942.

I have been a naturalized citizen of the United States since November 22, 1948. I have in my possession an original copy of a certificate of naturalization No. 6444883, issued to me by the United States District Court of the Western District of Washington on the above-mentioned date. My name was at that time changed from Lui Hong to Louie Hong, the name I am now using.

My wife's maiden name was Wong Share Fong. She was born on November 30, 1915, at the Sui How Village, Hoyshan District, Kwangtung Province, China. We were married at Noe How Village, also located at the above-mentioned Hoyshan District in China, on August 4, 1933. She was admitted into this country on April 9, 1950, through the port of Seattle as the wife of an American citizen, and is now living with me here in Seattle. Neither of us have ever been previously married.

We have two male children. The first is the boy whose chances of coming to this country is now in question, Louie Bon Kong. He was born on September 20, 1941, in Hong Kong. Due to the chaotic condition in Hong Kong at that time, his birth was never recorded and, therefore, we have no documentary record of his birth. He is now 10 years of age and is living with a cousin in Hong Kong. His present address there is as follows: Hop Hing Co., 8-A Tung Street, Hong Kong.

My other boy was born on May 27, 1951, at the Maynard Hospital in this city, and is now living with us.

I first came to the United States under the name of Lui Hong in May 1923, traveling by ship, the steamship *President Jefferson*. My subsequent trips to China are as follows: From Seattle, March 4, 1933, and October 4, 1940; to Seattle, January 10, 1934; to San Francisco, July 3, 1941.

Since my wife's arrival in this country, we have bought a home, and we are now living at 1523 Seventeenth South, Seattle. We have an equity of \$4,500 on this property.

I have been continuously employed as a taxi driver since 1942 for the Oriental Cab Co., located at 418 Maynard Avenue, Seattle.

Since our son Louis Bon King was born previous to my naturalization, there is no way he could come to join us except as a quota immigrant. In view of his tender years, we cannot see our way clear to leave him in the old country at this time. Inasmuch as the waiting list of quota immigrants of Chinese race is fantastically long, and the critical condition in the Orient will endanger his life, both my wife and I feel we are helpless. It is an extreme hardship on him as well as on us in this separation. We did not know at the time my wife came to this country that he would not be permitted to enter also. I am convinced that you are our only hope. If you will grant us the favor of entering or introducing a special bill for the boy, both my wife and I will be everlastingly grateful.

With every good wish, I am

Respectfully yours,

LOUIE HONG

ORIENTAL CABS,  
418 MAYNARD, SEATTLE, WASH.,

February 18, 1952.

Re Louis Hong, 1523 Seventeenth South, Seattle, Wash.

HON. HUGH B. MITCHELL,

Representative, First District of Washington,

Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: Mr. Louis Hong has been working for us for the last 10 years. We find him very efficient and of good character among his employees and employer as well.

Mr. Hong has been a good friend of mine for the last 10 years, and we have continued to be so.

Regarding his citizenship, I find that he is a very good citizen because he exercises his rights, for instance, in voting for a better democracy whenever possible.

I myself recommend Mr. Louis Hong as a good citizen because he is trying to bring his son over to the United States so he could learn how to live a better life and learn the freedom of democracy.

Very truly yours,

WEE SHANG CHINN, Manager.

INTERNATIONAL BRANCH,  
SEATTLE-FIRST NATIONAL BANK,  
Seattle, Wash., February 19, 1952.

Hon. HUGH B. MITCHELL,  
House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

DEAR MR. MITCHELL: We have been approached by Mr. Louie Hong, 1523 Seventeenth Avenue South, Seattle, for assistance in his efforts to bring to this country from Hong Kong his 11-year-old son, Louie Bon Kong.

Mr. Louie has been a customer of this bank since April 2, 1935, and during all that time has maintained a savings account here. This account has been a very satisfactory one, with a present balance of \$4,750.23 and an average balance in excess of \$8,000 over the past 7 years.

Recently Mr. Louie discussed with us his contemplated purchase of a business and at that time we approved for him a \$2,000 loan on a secured basis to assist him if the purchase were made. This matter is still pending. We did receive from Mr. Louie a personal financial statement which reveals that he is buying his own home and has no debts other than the balance on this home.

We know of nothing derogatory about Mr. Louie, but on the contrary have received only favorable reports in response to inquiries we have made about him.

It is our opinion that Mr. Louie Hong is a respected member of this community and that he would be financially able to care for his son if the son were permitted to enter this country.

Very truly yours,

J. E. LINDSTON, *Manager.*

515 EIGHTH AVENUE SOUTH, SEATTLE, WASH.,  
February 19, 1952.

Hon. HUGH B. MITCHELL,  
House of Representatives, Congress of the United States,  
Washington, D. C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN MITCHELL: I am writing you in regard to Mr. Louie Hong, 1523 Seventeenth Avenue South, Seattle, Wash. I have known this man since 1923 when we attended Bailey Gatzert School together in Seattle. I have always known him to be honest, sincere, and intelligent in all his endeavors. He has since become a citizen of this great country of ours. Now he wishes to bring his son Louie Bon Kong, age 11, from Hong Kong to the United States. He wants this boy to have the benefits of our educational system; he wants this boy to learn the American democratic way of life.

I highly recommend that Mr. Louie Hong, who is a good American citizen, be allowed to bring his son Louie Bon Kong to the United States for further education.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY S. LUKE, M. D.

ORIENTAL CAB CO.,  
418 MAYNARD AVENUE, SEATTLE, WASH.,  
February 19, 1952.

Hon. HUGH B. MITCHELL,  
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN MITCHELL: I am writing you in behalf of Mr. Louie Hong of 1523 Seventeenth Avenue South, Seattle, who is anxious to bring his 11-year-old son, Louie Bon Kong, to Seattle. The son is now in the Crown Colony of Hong Kong.

I am the owner of the Oriental Cab Co., 418 Maynard Avenue. Mr. Louie has been employed by me as a driver since April 1942. In that period, I have found him dependable and conscientious.

I should be glad to give you any information that will assist you in helping Mr. Louie.

With sincere personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

HONG CHINN.

LOUIE BON KONG

CATHAY POST No. 186,  
416½ MAYNARD AVENUE, SEATTLE, WASH.,  
February 19, 1952.

Hon. HUGH B. MITCHELL,  
*House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN MITCHELL: Cathay Post No. 186, of the American Legion, through its executive committee, has authorized me to write to urge you to use your good offices in behalf of Mr. Louie Hong, of 1523 Seventeenth Avenue South, Seattle, who is hoping to bring his 11-year-old son, Louie Bon Kong, to this country from Hong Kong.

Anything you can do to assist Mr. Louie will be appreciated by us.

Sincerely yours,

CATHAY POST No. 186,  
WM. SING, *Commander*,  
ARTHUR L. SOLOMON, Jr., *Adjutant*.

418 MAYNARD AVENUE, SEATTLE, WASH.,  
February 18, 1952.

Re Louis or Louie Hong, 1523 Seventeenth South, Seattle, Wash.

Hon. HUGH B. MITCHELL,  
*Representative, First District of Washington,*  
*Washington, D. C.*

DEAR SIR: In regard to Mr. Louie Hong, I have had the privilege and pleasure of knowing him for over 25 years. I went to school with him and I have kept close contact with him all this time, because we lived in the same neighborhood and grew up together. So, consequently, I can say that I am well qualified in knowing the man.

I believe Mr. Hong obtained his citizenship in 1948. He is a good character and citizen and respected by all his acquaintances and friends, and I can vouch for him very highly because I have seen his performance throughout these last 25 years, and it has been nothing but good.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT CHINN.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 6870) should be enacted.

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